

Executive Registry

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7 December 1953

Mr. Barclay Acheson  
The Reader's Digest  
Pleasantville, New York

Dear Barclay:

I have been hoping for several months to have a chance to see you with regard to the subject matter of the inquiry you made upon me many months ago. On the whole it seemed better to do this orally than in writing. I can only say that ~~on the whole~~ our information with regard to the man in question is rather unfavorable, and if you need more details I can give them to you when we next meet.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

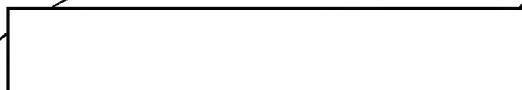
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Mr. Dulles:

STAT Mr. Acheson called while you were still in Europe and said he had been told of your attempt to call him while he was away. He asked if I could tell him what you had wished to speak to him about and I told him it was in connection with the [ ] matter but that I did not feel free to give him the information you had on this gentleman. He said he had some idea as to what you had learned as he had had adverse information on [ ] STAT from another source. He said I should thank you for attempting to reach him and that he would hope to speak with you upon your return. (Do you wish to speak to Mr. Acheson re the attached or shall I file it?)

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Called Mr. Acheson's office today and was told that he was out of the country and expected back about the 10th of August. Mr. Dulles did not wish to speak to anyone else re this matter.

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5 December 1957

Mrs. Barclay Acheson

STAT

HAVE JUST HEARD SAD NEWS OF BARCLAY'S PASSING.  
HE WAS A CLOSE AND REVERED FRIEND FOR MANY MANY  
YEARS. I SEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

ALLEN DULLES

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Dear Allen:

Thank you so much for your letter of December 7th. It will help me greatly during the months ahead in dealing with the man referred to.

Yesterday I had a very favorable statement concerning your son's recovery. That is good news indeed. I was given to understand that he is now hoping to resume his law course soon. Heaven be praised!

My best to your wife and the Season's Greetings to both of you.

Sincerely yours,

*Barclay*

Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

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